by the metropolitan development authorities concerned in different States as regional development and related matters fall within the jurisdiction of State Governments. As far as Delhi is concerned, the Regional Plan 2001 and the strategy and the financing mechanisms approved by the National Capital Region Planning Board for implementing the regional plan have recommended development of new townships along side the existing 8 selected priority towns/complexes, viz, Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr—Khurja Complex, Panipat, Rohtak, Bhiwadi-Dharuhera—Rewari Complex Palwal and Alwar, and two DMA towns viz. Bahadurgarh and Kundli. It has been reported that the total expenditure incurred on the projects during the last 4 years was Rs. 71.82 crores consisting of Rs. 53.80 cores as the NCR Planning Board's share and Rs. 18.02 crores as State Government's share.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns was introduced during 1979-80 wth the objective of balanced urban development in the country, provision of infrastructure facilities to support employment generating activities, resource generating schemes for maintenance of infrastructural facilities created, development of growth centres for betterment of rural hinterlands and arresting and arresting migration of rural population to larger cities. This scheme does not specifically cover satellite towns around major metropolitan cities. From the inception of the scheme till date 645 number of towns have been covered and a Central assistance of Rs. 208.37 crores have been released to the States under the scheme.

Schemes for providing drinking water in Urban Areas of Bihar

673. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schemes accorded approval for providing drinking water to urban areas in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the funds allocated for the implementation of these schemes, scheme-wise; and

(c) the towns and cities of the State for whom these schemes have been cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) No schemes have been approved by the central Government for providing drinking water to urban areas in Bihar during the last three years as there were no viable proposals furnished by the State Government.

Financial Assistance for Urban Development in Bihar

674. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have provided financial assistance for development of cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to Bihar and especially to the cities of Patna, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, Dhanbad, Ranchi, Dunka and Deoghar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided to the said cities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructural Development of Mega cities, cities with population more than 40 lakhs and under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) towns/ cities with population upto 3 lakhs are provided with Central Assistance based on project reports received from State Governments.

(c) and (d) Central Assistance has been provided for 3 towns namely Dhanbad, Dunka and Deoghar under the IDSMT Scheme, out of the above mentioned towns and amount of Rs. 42.86 lakhs, Rs. 18.5 lakhs and Rs. 40.00 lakhs respectively has been released since the inception of the Scheme (1979-80) till June, 30, 1994.

As far as Mega City Scheme is concerned, there is no Mega City in the State of Bihar.

Financial Irregularities Commited by HUDCO

675. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received series of representations/ complaints about financial irregularities committed by Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO);

(b) if so, the details and facts thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to handover the probe of HUDCO's irregularities to CBI or any other independent authority;

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other measures Government now propose to take to set right the functioning of the HUDCO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (d) Comptroller and Auditor General of India received a notice from the Lawyers' Forum for Civil Liberties, on the 8th June, 1994, regarding statutory audit report of Housing and Urban Development Corporation for 1992-93. However, before receipt of the notice from the forum, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India had finalised his comments and review of the accounts of the Company for 1992-93. In its report the C&AG has adversely commented on the inaccurancies in the statutory auditor's reports. C&AG did not consider it necessary to send a reply to the Forum.

In addition, some annonymous complaints/references are received and the allegations made are examined and appropriate action is taken by HUDCO wherever required. In one such case, CBI has registered a case against one of the officers for possessing disproportionate assets.

(e) In order to strengthen the vigilance machinery of HUDCO, Government of India recently appointed an officer on deputation as Chief Vigilance Officer reporting directly to Chairman & Managing Director, HUDCO.

Urban infrastructural Development by HUDCO

676. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that HUDCO has formulated plans to form a new company for financing urban infrastructura development in the country ;

(b) if so, whether 240 million dollars are likely to be floated by HUDCO;